

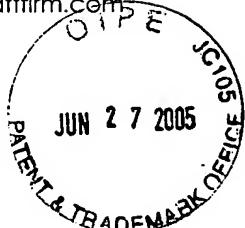


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Re: Patent Application No. 10/776,880  
Filed: 02/11/2004  
Applicant: Kevin A. Rickman  
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the following:

1. Transmittal letter (1 page);
2. Amendment, which includes Certificate of Mailing (6 pages); and
3. Return receipt postcard.

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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Applicant acknowledge receipt of the Office Action issued in the above identified application on May 23, 2005. Applicant appreciates the thorough review of the subject of the invention and the assessment of the prior art.

Election/Restrictions

The Examiner has required Restriction between the patentably distinct species of the claimed invention, as illustrated in Figures 1, 5 and 6, respectively. The Examiner has required that the election an identification of the species that is elected, and a listing of all claims readable thereon.

Applicant confirms election of the claims of the species illustrated in Figure 1, and related figures. The Examiner has indicated that currently, at least claim 1 is generic.

In the Claims

Applicant elects to prosecute claims 1 through 5 and 7 through 17. Applicant withdraws the remaining claims from examination at the present time.

Applicant encloses a clean set of all pending claims